COURT OF OAHU.

(From the New York Advertiser. Jan. 28, 1828).

In our previous notice of this work, we quoted the descriptions of the king, queen, and one of the ladies of the Court of Oahu. The next personage of importance is Karaimoku, the premier, who has assumed the name of Billy Pitt-Billy being, we presume, more euphonous than William. He is thus described by Mr. Steward:—

Karaimoku or Mr. Pitt, the Prime Minister, is another individual extensively known to the civilized world. He is a man of very superior powers and of great political sagacity. From his youth he has held a pre-eminent rank in the nation, both as a counsellor and as a warrior. He, too, is a fine-looking man; apparently between fifty and sixty years of age; and was dressed in a suit of lead-coloured silk camlet, with white Marseilles waistcoat and white stockings

He is fond of pleasantry, and, at times, is very playful in his conversation. Not long since, accompanied by one of his most intimate friends, he took tea with Mr. Ellis. After partaking to their satisfaction of this beverage, they both turned their cups upside down, and placed the spoons across them. Mr. Ellis asked the reason for this. Karaimoku answered, "It is so with the foreigners, when they wish no more," to which Mr. Ellis replied, "Perhaps with sailors in the forecastle it is-but gentlemen merely leave the spoons in the empty cups." A few evenings after, the same two gentlemen were at Mr. Ellis' tea table again. When Karaimoku had finished, he was careful to leave his spoon and cup in the manner Mr. Ellis had mentioned as customary in good society; but his more negligent friend, forgetting the previous conversation, arranged his as in the previous instance; on which, Karaimoku, laughingly, said to Mr. Ellis -" You see that fellow still belongs to the forecastle—he has turned his cup up again!"

Pride of birth prevails as strongly in these isles as in the most aristocratic of European nations, and the descendants of the ancient kings of Hawai are as vain of their origin as the scious of the stately tree of Este, or of Hapsburgh.

The whole body of chiefs may be divided into three classes, or grades of rank; the first embracing the royal family, and those most intimately connected with it; the second, those holding hereditary offices of power, and the governors of the different islands; and the third, the rulers of districts, and all inferior chiefs. Those included in the two first grades are usually called High Chiefs; and those of the third, small or low. The high chiefs arefew in number, and closely allied, both by blood and marriage; forming in fact but one family. Still, they are filled with the pride, of birth, and even the highest tenaciously prefer the slightest grounds of precedence.

In one particular, the aristocratical system of Hawai is infinitely more polite than that of France, herself, the region of courtesy and refinement. The "Salic Law" is put to the blush by that of the Sandwich Islands, for, in the latter, rank is hereditary in the female, and not in the male line. Thankful should the ladies of Hawai be, that they were born in the rude islands of the Pacific, instead of the baronial castles of the old world.

There is much poetry in the nomenclature of this people. Keopu; lani is literally, "The gathering of the heavens, or of the clouds of heaven." — Tameha-meha, "The lonely one."—Tameha-maru, a name assumed by the queen after the death of her father, "The shade of the lonely one."-Kuahu-manu, "The feather mantle."—Kalakua,
"The way of the Gods."—Kapiolani, "The captive of heaven."-Lealea-hoku, "The necklace of stars, or the starry necklace."

The ladies of Hawai are distinguished by a pinguitude that must be absolutely appalling to our fair readers.

The governess of Tauai, the sister of Taumuarii, is said to weigh near four hundred; Namahana, one of the Queens of Tamehameha, weighs two hundred and ninety; her sisters Kaahumanu and Kalakua nearly the same, and her brother, Kuakioi, Governor of Hawai, though little more than 25 years old, three hundred and twenty-five pounds. This immense bulk of person is supposed to arise from the care taken of them from their earliest infancy, and from the abundance and nutritious quality of their food, especially that of poe, a kind of paste made from taro, an esculent root, a principal article of diet. In addition to all this good feeding, these ladies must be blessed with a good conscience, or they never would displace so large a portion of the atmosphere.

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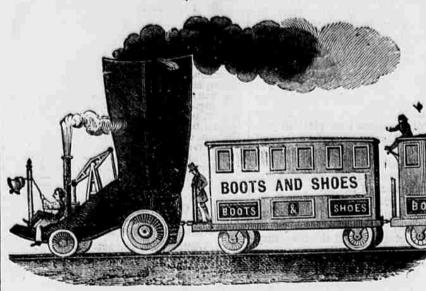


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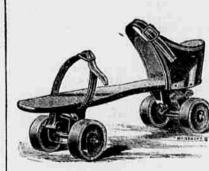
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